

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Takaaki AMANO, et al.
Filed: Concurrently herewith
For: **TRANSACTION PROCESSING METHOD AND....**
Serial No.: Concurrently herewith

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

9. (Amended) A service providing method as claimed in claim 6 wherein:
the service responding to the amount of said point is to discount a purchase price
of the ordered goods.

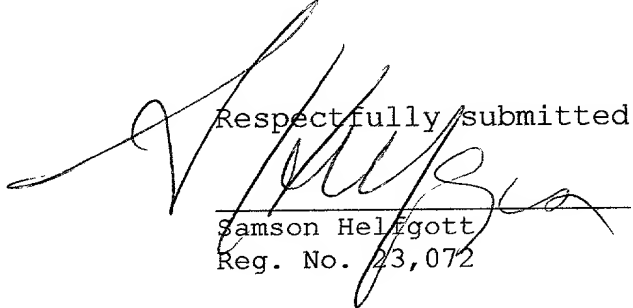
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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made
to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is
captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

This amendment is being submitted to avoid multiple
dependent claims.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted


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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

9. (Amended) A service providing method as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 6 to 8 wherein:

the service responding to the amount of said point is to discount a purchase price of the ordered goods.